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Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, to be held in Ulaanbaatar in 2003

The General Assembly,

Bearing in mind the indissoluble links between the principles enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights[1] and the foundations of any democratic society,

Recognizing that the United Nations has an important role to play in providing timely, appropriate and coherent support to the efforts of Governments to achieve democratization within the context of their development efforts,

Recalling its resolution 56/96 of 14 December 2001, in which it welcomed the decision of the Government of Mongolia to host the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in 2003,

Expressing once again its deep appreciation for the support provided by Member States, the United Nations system, including the specialized agencies, and other intergovernmental organizations to the Government of Benin for the holding of the Fourth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies in Cotonou,

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* In order for the General Assembly to be able to consider the present draft resolution, it will be necessary to reopen consideration of agenda item 35.

[1] Resolution 217 A (III).

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1. *Welcomes* the proposal of the Government of Mongolia to hold the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies from 18 to 20 June 2003 in Ulaanbaatar,

2. *Invites* the Secretary-General, Member States, the relevant specialized agencies and bodies of the United Nations system, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to support and collaborate in the holding of the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies;

3. *Encourages* the intergovernmental follow-up mechanism to the Cotonou Conference to actively cooperate in the preparatory process for the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies.